

# **P608SAT**

**1996 built Volvo Olympian double deck bus built in Irvine (Scotland) with 9.6 litre 245 hp Volvo engine and ZF automatic gearbox, 77 seat coachwork built by Northern Counties Motor Engineering of Wigan to its 'Palatine 1' design with 47 seats upstairs and 30 down.**

**Most buses and coaches are built to specific orders of customers, but P608SAT was part of group manufactured in 1996 as dealer stock by Volvo Bus, so it had vehicles ready to satisfy any immediate customer demand. It was one of a group of seven identical buses sold in late 1996 to East Yorkshire Motor Services of Hull. East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) were established in 1926 and serve the communities within the City of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire, for most of its years it has been state owned but was privatised in 1987 and is now family owned, indeed now the largest family owned bus and coach operator in the country, more information can be found at [www.eyms.co.uk](http://www.eyms.co.uk). The company was featured in 2014 in a Channel 5 documentary series 'On the Yorkshire Buses'.**

**P608SAT was numbered 608 by EYMS and entered service on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1996 at the Elloughton depot to the West of Hull, on services from Hull to North Ferriby/South Cave/Gilberdyke & Goole.**

**It moved slightly North to their Beverley depot in February 1998 where it would work between the East Riding's county town and Hull and out to Hornsea as well as some local town and village routes. In May 2001 it moved to the 'head office' depot in Hull where it would have worked a great range of services. A significant move was in February 2002 when it was transferred to Driffield depot, which was to be it's home for eleven & a half years, the majority of it's working life. Initially whilst at Driffield it (and**

**identical bus 609) was a reserve for the long Hull to Scarborough service, and a regular on the Bridlington to York route. In later years it settled into operating a selection of village services radiating out of Driffield to such places as Middleton-on-the-Wolds, Sledmere, Skerne and Beeford, as well as appearing at Driffield Secondary School on an almost daily basis transporting pupils to and from their studies for over ten years.**

**It finally left Driffield in September 2013 to travel 22 miles further North to work at Scarborough depot, mainly on school and college work, but occasionally it would work regular services in the North Yorkshire resort. With it's days with EYMS being numbered as newer buses joined the company, it ran its final days back in Hull before being taken off the road in April 2014.**

**EYMS then sold it to a Barnsley based dealer.....and the rest you know !**